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# S. 1846

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 6, 2005

Ms. LANDRIEU introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. COMMUNITY DISASTER LOANS; PUBLIC ASSIST-**  
4       **ANCE ALLOWABLE COSTS.**

5       (a) DEFINITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—In this  
6       section:

7               (1) IN GENERAL.—The term “local govern-  
8       ment” means a local government (as defined in sec-  
9       tion 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief  
10      and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122)),

1       that has suffered a loss of tax or other revenue as  
2       a result of a major disaster described in subsection  
3       (b).

4           (2) INCLUSION.—The term “local government”  
5       includes a sheriff department in the State of Lou-  
6       isiana that has suffered a loss of tax or other rev-  
7       enue as a result of a major disaster described in  
8       subsection (b).

9       (b) WAIVER.—Notwithstanding any other provision  
10      of law, no limitation on the amount or percentage of as-  
11      sistance that may be provided in the form of a community  
12      disaster loan under section 417(b) of the Robert T. Staf-  
13      ford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42  
14      U.S.C. 5184(b)) shall apply to any community disaster  
15      loan made under section 417 of that Act to assist any local  
16      government having jurisdiction over an area in which a  
17      major disaster relating to Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane  
18      Rita was declared to exist by the President in accordance  
19      with section 401 of that Act (42 U.S.C. 5170).

20       (c) PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ALLOWABLE COSTS.—Not-  
21      withstanding any other provision of law, no prohibition or  
22      limitation on reimbursement of salaries (including section  
23      206.228(a)(4) of title 44, Code of Federal Regulations (or  
24      a successor regulation)) shall apply with respect to reim-  
25      bursement of straight- and regular-time salaries of public

1 personnel that provide, on or after August 29, 2005, es-  
2 sential public services in the State of Louisiana on behalf  
3 of that State.

4 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
5 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
6 \$1,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2006.

7 **SEC. 2. FUNDING.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
9 sion of law, of the amounts made available to the Depart-  
10 ment of Homeland Security under the heading “DISASTER  
11 RELIEF” under the heading “EMERGENCY PRE-  
12 PAREDNESS AND RESPONSE” of Public Law 109–  
13 62 (119 Stat. 1991), not less than \$1,500,000,000 shall  
14 be available to the heads of the appropriate departments  
15 or agencies of the Federal Government to carry out the  
16 programs and activities authorized under this Act.

17 (b) AVAILABLE UNTIL EXPENDED.—The amounts  
18 appropriated under subsection (a) shall remain available  
19 until expended.

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